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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOB NEED FOR WORD ON NUCLEAR AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

REF: BRASILIA 3861

1. IN A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON MAY 20, PAULO NOGUEIRA BATISTA (PNB), PRESIDENT OF NUCLEBRAS, STATED THAT IT WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY URGENT THAT THE GOB BE PROVIDED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BILATERAL PEACEFUL USES AGREEMENT. EXPLAINING THAT NUCLEBRAS, UNDER ITS CHARTER, HAS BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE FUEL CYCLE AND THEREFORE HAD A DIRECT AND INDEED CONTROLLING INTEREST IN THE MATTER, PNB SAID THAT THE GOB ID NOT HAVE VERY MUCH MORE TIME BEFORE HAVING TO TAKE A DECISION ON FUEL SUPPLY. HE CLAIMED THAT THE BOB WAS RECEIVING "ALL KINDS" OF OFFERS FROM THE EUROPEANS WITH PROMISED DELIVERY TIMES WELL BELOW THOSE OF ERDA. THE SOVIETS, HE SAID, WERE THE MOST INSISTENT BUT THE GOB DID NOT WANT TO DEAL WITH THEM. PNB ADDED THAT THE GOB WOULD PREFER TO GET ITS FUEL SUPPLY FOR ANGRA II AND III FROM THE USG BUT HAD TO KNOW WHERE THINGS STOOD CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT.

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2. PNB STATED THAT MINISTER UEKI HAD INTENDED TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP DURING HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON. BECAUSE OF UEKI'S DELAY IN FIXING A DATE FOR THE WASHINGTON VISIT, PNB WAS OBLIGED TO PUT THE QUESTION TO THE AMBASSADOR.

3. I TOLD PNB THAT I WOULD ASK FOR A CURRENT READING FROM WASHINGTON ON THE BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE TIMING OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

4. ON THE WASHINGTON VISIT, PNB TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS READY AND EAGER TO GO AND ASKED WHAT THE LATEST WORD FROM UEKI WAS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT ON MAY 9, UEKI HAD SAID TO HIM THAT HE HAD TO CHECK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AFTER THE LATTER'S RETURN FROM THE OASGA (MAY 14), AND WOULD BE IN TROUGH.
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